

# U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Subject: Tribal Consultation policies and procedures meeting

Dear Tribal Leader:

At the recent historic White House Tribal Nations Conference, President Barack Obama signed a Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, pronouncing tribal consultations "a critical ingredient of a sound and productive Federal-tribal relationship." The President's Memorandum directs all Federal agencies to develop a plan of action to implement Executive Order 13175 on *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*, within ninety days. Federal agencies are to complete this plan after consulting with Indian tribes and tribal officials, and submit the plan to the Director of Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) currently has a comprehensive policy for consultation and coordination with tribal nations. In order to ensure that our policy reflects the needs of our clients, we intend to use this opportunity to seek comments regarding the policy with the intent of improving and refining its contents. We also recognize the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination and are committed to having an open dialogue that results in improved consultation and coordination with tribal nations.

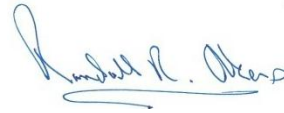
We are writing to you and all other tribal leaders of Region VIII's federally recognized tribes, to invite you to a meeting to discuss HUD's Tribal Consultation policies and procedures. This meeting is intended to be an opportunity for HUD to gain input on the processes and procedures of consultation and not to discuss specific tribal issues. Topics that will be discussed are:

- What Federal actions should initiate consultation?
- How far in advance should the Department and its agencies give notices of consultation?
- Who should be invited to participate in consultation?
- How should consultation occur?
- Should timelines be considered in consultation processes?
- How should follow-up to the consultation occur?
- How should the Department coordinate among its agencies as well as with other Federal departments?
- What other opportunities or alternatives are appropriate to improve communication and coordination with tribes (e.g., conferences, workshop sessions, or task forces)?

The results of this discussion will be compiled and forwarded to the Office of Native American Programs Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where all six ONAP Regions' recommendations will be combined and forwarded to OMB.

Enclosed are the details about this meeting including accommodation information. I hope you or your representative will be able to attend this meeting and participate in the discussion. Please RSVP by January 13, 2010, either by Internet at <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/> or via telephone to Abby Haeffner at 303-672-5165. Thank you for your consideration and support of this important event. During the interim, if you have any questions, please call me at (303) 672-5160, or e-mail me at [Randall.R.Akers@hud.gov](mailto:Randall.R.Akers@hud.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randall R. Akers", with a horizontal line underneath.

Randall R. Akers  
Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Memorandum of 11-5-2009
2. HUD Tribal Government-to-Government Consultation Policy of 9-28-2001
3. Executive Order 13175 of 11-6-2000

## **Tribal Consultation Policies and Procedures Meeting**

### **DATE:**

Thursday, January 21, 2010

### **TIME:**

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM: Registration  
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Morning session  
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Lunch  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM: Afternoon session

### **LOCATION:**

HUD Region VIII Offices  
1670 Broadway – 20<sup>th</sup> floor Conf. Room  
Denver CO, 80202  
(Upon arrival, please report to the 25<sup>th</sup> floor security desk)

### **HOTEL INFORMATION:**

A block of hotel rooms is reserved at the Grand Hyatt at a discounted rate of \$109.00 per night. In order to secure this rate, please call the Hyatt by January 11, 2010, and mention the Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs Tribal Consultation when booking your reservation. The Grand Hyatt is located 3 blocks from the NPONAP offices.

Grand Hyatt  
1750 Welton Street,  
Denver, Colorado, USA 80202  
Phone: 303-295-1234

If you do not wish to stay at the Grand Hyatt and would like information about additional hotels in the area, please contact Abby Haeffner at [Abigail.D.Haeffner@hud.gov](mailto:Abigail.D.Haeffner@hud.gov) or 303-672-5165.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

If you are not able to attend the meeting in person, we invite you to call into the meeting via conference call or send written comments to the aforementioned topics.

Conference Call phone number: (888) 243 - 8965 Conference Call ID: 49924717

NOTE: In order to join this conference call, you will be required to provide the Conference ID Number listed above.

Please submit written comments no later than January 15, 2010, by email or postal service.

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